

# House Resolution 123 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_  
1 2 BY ZIRKELBACH and FOEGE  
1 3 A Resolution recognizing the Grant Wood Art Festival.  
1 4 WHEREAS, Grant DeVolson Wood was born on February  
1 5 13, 1891, on his parents' farm four miles east of  
1 6 Anamosa, Iowa, where he spent the first 10 years of  
1 7 his life; and  
1 8 WHEREAS, Grant Wood was an exceptional artist from  
1 9 a very young age; at the age of 14 he took third prize  
1 10 in a national contest for a crayon drawing of oak  
1 11 leaves and said that winning that prize was his  
1 12 inspiration to become an artist; and  
1 13 WHEREAS, from that beginning, Grant Wood blossomed  
1 14 into one of the great artists of the twentieth  
1 15 century; and  
1 16 WHEREAS, taking inspiration from the work of German  
1 17 and Flemish painters, in 1930 Mr. Wood created the  
1 18 painting that defines his art and assured his success,  
1 19 "American Gothic"; and  
1 20 WHEREAS, today we continue to honor this remarkable  
1 21 man, his unique talent, and the artist colony he  
1 22 founded in Stone City, with the annual Grant Wood Art  
1 23 Festival; and  
1 24 WHEREAS, the 36th Annual Grant Wood Art Festival  
1 25 will be held Sunday, June 8, 2008, in Anamosa, Iowa,  
1 26 featuring day-long events and the work of many local  
1 27 and regional artists; NOW THEREFORE,  
1 28 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
1 29 That the House of Representatives recognizes the  
1 30 upcoming 36th annual Grant Wood Art Festival and urges  
2 1 all Iowans to plan a visit to this celebration as part  
2 2 of their summer vacation plans.  
2 3 LSB 6556HH 82  
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